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DATE: November 6, 2023

TO: Maine Ag Trades Show Exhibit Booth Applicant

FROM: Maine Ag Trades Show Organizers, MDACF

CC: Craig Lapine, Director, Bureau of Agriculture, Food & Rural Resources; Michelle Webb, Division Director, Agricultural Resource Development

SUBJECT: Notice of Conditional Awards for **Conference Session, "Maine" Stage and Listening Post** spaces at the Maine Ag Trades Show

Thank you for your interest in the 2024 Maine Agricultural Trades Show (ATS). The Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry (MDACF) will host the show January 9-11, 2024, at the Augusta Civic Center in Augusta, Maine.

The MDACF is announcing its conditional awards Conference Session, "Maine" Stage and Listening Post spaces at the 2024 show. This document has multiple pages. Please note: [Booth space announcements](#) were published separately.

Selected participants are alphabetically listed below in the following order:

1. Listening Post business advising/coaching volunteers,
2. Conference sessions hosts,
3. "Maine" Stage sessions hosts.

Listening Post business advising/coaching volunteers. **Note:** MDACF staff will follow up separately to finalize shifts and service topics.

- Coastal Enterprises, Inc.
- Kelsey Kobik Farm Photography
- MDACF Quality Assurance & Regulations, Produce Safety
- MDACF Quality Assurance & Regulations, Metrology Calibration Laboratory
- MDACF Agricultural Resource Development, Maine Senior FarmShare Program
- MDACF Animal Health Program
- Maine Food and Beverage Education Center
- SCORE Maine
- The Good Crust
- USDA Rural Development

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Conference session hosts: host name and general topic content. Note: show organizers will follow up separately to finalize content – **you will need to respond by Nov. 13:**

- Board of Pesticides Control
- Conservation Law Foundation & Legal Food Hub: Three-part session, Tips and Insight for Successful farm business and organizational planning
- Daybreak Growers Alliance: Partnering with Daybreak Growers Alliance
- Farmer Drought Relief Program: Listening Session
- Maine Christmas Tree Association Meeting
- Maine Cranberry Association: Where do we go from here?
- Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry: Grant Roundtable Discussion
- Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry: Maine Agritourism Summit
- Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry: Farm to Institution Success Stories
- Maine Ecological Design School: Agroforestry and Permaculture Design for Farmers
- Maine ESE Trustees: January Meeting
- Maine Farm and Sea to School Network: Selling to Schools
- Maine Farmer Resource Network: Thinking Ahead to Manage Risk on the Farm
- Maine Farmers Coalition: Pie Social
- Maine Food Convergence Project Maine's Food Processing: Collaborations for High Impact
- Maine Nutrient Management Program
- Maine Nutrition Council
- Maine Vegetable & Small Fruit Growers Assoc. (MVSFGA): Winter Meeting
- Maine Woodland Owners: Forestry Forum
- Merrymeeting Food Council and University of Maine Cooperative Extension: Farm Labor Listening Session
- PFAS Fund Public Meeting: Program Updates & Research Priorities
- UMaine Extension: Wild Blueberry IPM
- University of Maine Cooperative Extension: High Bush Blueberry Production Workshop
- United States Department of Agriculture - Rural Development: Business & Cooperative Program Grants

"Maine" Stage Sponsorships. Note: show organizers will follow up separately to finalize schedules.

- Kelsey Kobik Farm Photography
- Maine 4-H Dairy Team
- Maine Agriculture in the Classroom
- Maine Cheese Guild
- Maine Farm & Sea Cooperative
- The Good Crust
- USDA Rural Development

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Please note that every year, MDACF does its best to accommodate ATS requests. MDACF takes into consideration the following factors when allocating booth space:

- Maine-based producers, agricultural groups, equipment suppliers, and service providers.
- Products, services, etc., directly linked to the agriculture or forestry sectors.
- Crops/products commonly grown or produced in Maine and licensed or programmatically supported by MDACF, including applicable business licenses.
- Content enhances attendee networking and year-round enrichment opportunities of Maine's natural resources business sectors.
- Achievable event logistic coordination, space availability, timely application submission, participant can submit timely payment.

MDACF utilizes its discretion in making final decisions and additional awards and/or additional spaces may be offered. If you have been awarded space:

- The Department will contact the listed Participants soon with agreements, and details.
- Rental and availability of space is subject to receipt of timely payment outlined in forthcoming invoice from the State of Maine, and submission of required documents, including acceptance of [participant terms and conditions](#).
- This letter does NOT constitute the formation of a contract between the Department and the Exhibitor.
- Information and updates about the Maine Agricultural Trades Show is available online at: www.maine.gov/dacf/agtradesshow

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